

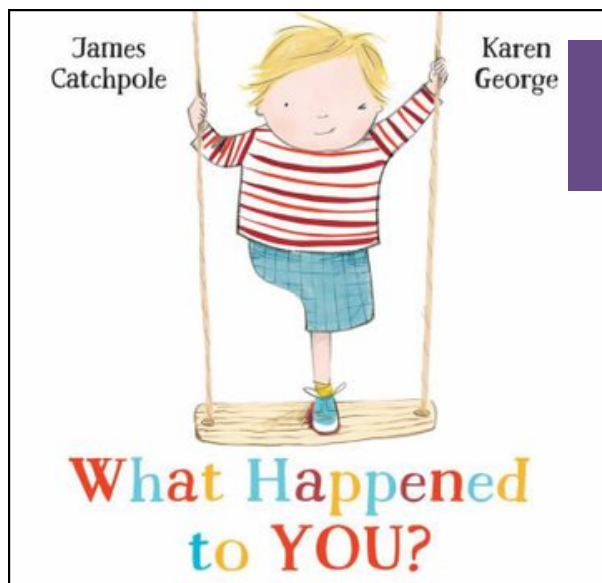
# SELECTIONS JR.

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Monthly Youth Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library

Picture Book



## What Happened To You?

James Catchpole

This book, told through the eyes of a boy with one leg, shows how it can be tough to be asked the same question again and again because you're seen as different. This book on manners and empathy is narratively focused with imaginative illustrations, and doesn't feel prescriptive.

- Sean C.

## Punch! A Story About Kindness

Michael Hall

Badger is having a really bad day and he is taking it out on his friends. So Badger's friends decide to teach him a lesson. In a whimsical play on words, Michael Hall teaches us that sometimes meeting aggression with kindness is the best way to handle a tough situation.

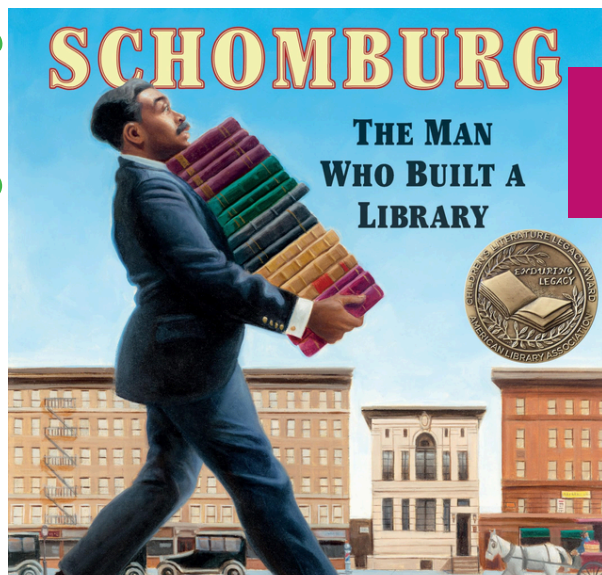
- Andrea L.

(CW: mild violence, subtle depiction of death)



Picture Book

Biography



## Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library

Carole Boston Weatherford

This bio examines each stage in Schomburg's life through the prism of significant, forgotten, & whitewashed figures of Black History, history which Schomburg spent his life gathering and preserving. Each page is dense with rich, warm prose befitting upper elementary & up.

- Sean C.

(CW: Racism, slavery)

Early Comic



## The Great Puptective

Alina Tysoe

A buddy cop trope mixed with some slapstick and a silly love-hate friendship. Giggles all around.

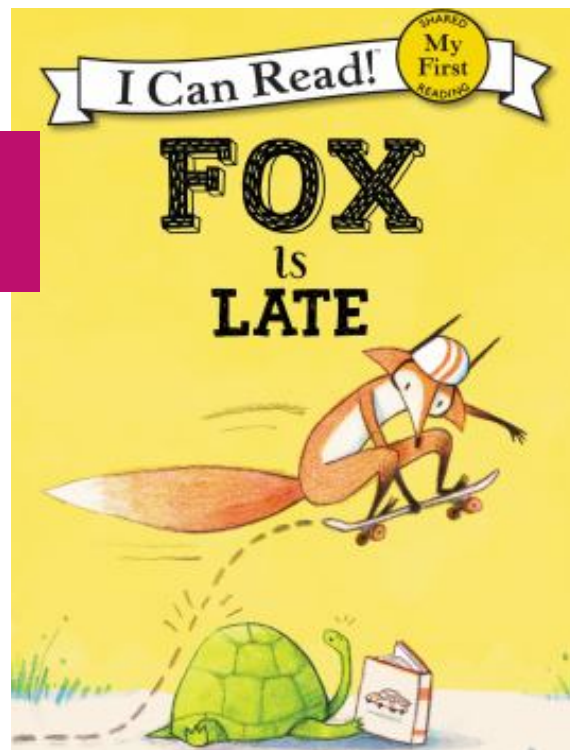
- Stevie N.

## The Fox series

Corey R. Tabor

Fox reminds me of the beloved characters Frog, Toad, and Little Bear. If you loved those classics, you'll enjoy this newer series by Corey Tabor. Young readers will enjoy Fox's funny antics in these fresh but timeless stories about a likable young fox.

- Kathy K.



Early Reader

Nonfiction



## Flamingos Are Pretty Funky:

A (Not So) Serious Guide

Abi Cushman

Flamingos have always been my favorite animal and this fun, silly book taught even me some new things! Did you know there are 6 types of flamingos and they live on every continent except Antarctica and Australia? Find out more in this super engaging book!

- Megan S.



## *Kiki's Delivery Service*

As parents we were tired of the violence that is often in Disney films. We learned about Studio Ghibli from Japan. These are some of the best animated films of the last few decades. Hand painted and drawn with stories that are uplifting and positive. Kiki is one of the best ones.

- Ted G.

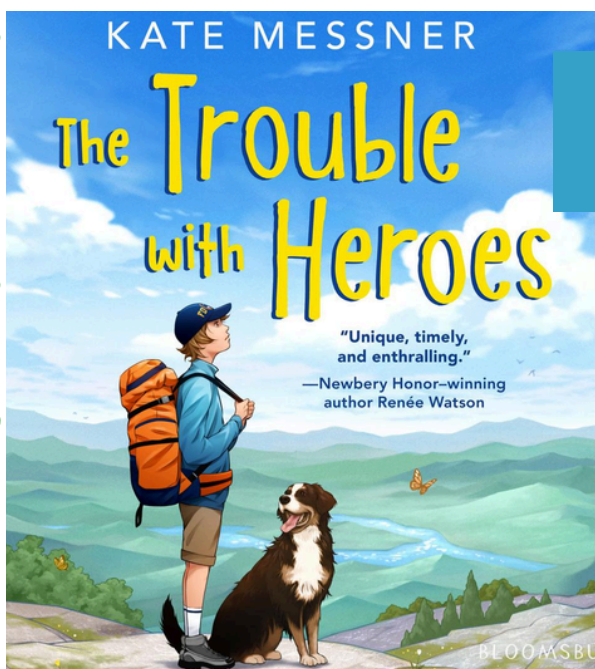
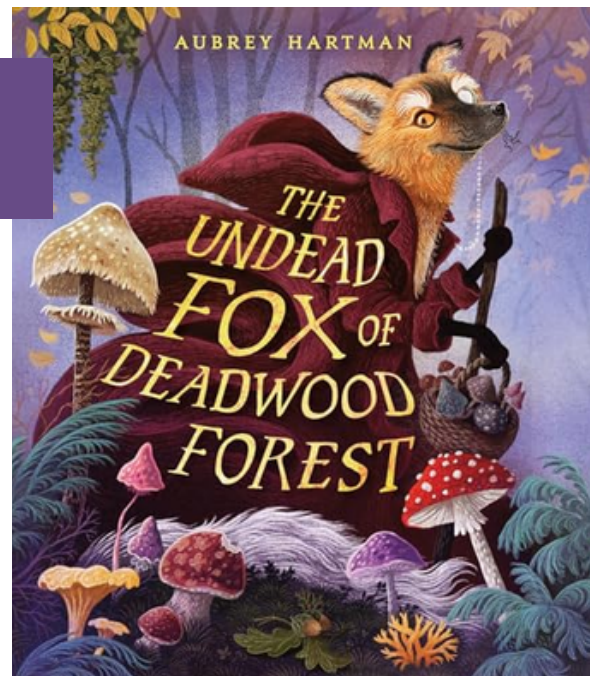
## *The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest*

Aubrey Hartman

In a book about death, you wouldn't think there'd be laughter. But you will laugh. In a book about animals, you wouldn't think you'd learn about being human, but you will. Laugh, cry, and love this book... you definitely will!

- Kary H.

(CW: Death, grief, violence between animals)



## *The Trouble with Heroes*

Kate Messner

In this exquisitely crafted novel in verse, Kate Messner takes us through Finn Connelly's journey of dealing with his father's death. Finn spends his summer summitting all 46 of the highest peaks of the Adirondacks as a way to make amends for knocking down a headstone. A must read!

- Andrea L.

(CW: 9/11, death, alcoholism, PTSD)

Juvenile Comic



## A Song for You and I

K. O'Neill

O'Neill always delivers tender, introspective graphic novels accompanied by breathtaking illustrations. Even without the lovely letter to readers at the front, the gentleness with which they approach the topic of identity in this gives the story a deeply personal feel.

- Emily K.

## The Ouroboros Duology

H. E. Edgmon

Gods reincarnated as a bunch of messy, queer teenagers in rural Georgia. The mythology of this universe is completely unique and detailed. It is full of action sequences, complex characters and humor, which is all balanced into the perfect, campy, contemporary fantasy story arc.

- Dylan G.

(CW: death, violence, adult language, sex)



Teen Fiction

Teen Manga



## Witch Hat Atelier

Kamome Shirahama

Witch Hat Atelier is a manga that tells the story of a world where magic is made with drawings! It's got fantasy, magic, drama, humor, detailed illustrations, and a heartwarming story with creativity at its core!

- Steph M.

(CW: mild violence)